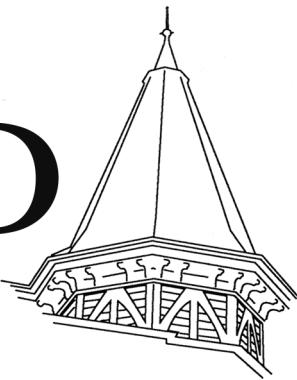


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## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Coming Home

*By Monica Guy*

In late August my daughters and I moved into a lovely house in Petrie Street. Having lived two streets over during my high school years, I was surprised and pleased to see how familiar the area still is to me, after more than 25 years living in St. Albans.

My family moved to Christchurch from Canada in 1984, when I was 15 and my sister 11. My parents bought a gorgeous bungalow in Nicholls Street. Along with my sister after me I attended Avonside Girls High School and still have fond memories of that time, the friends I made and some of the amazing teachers I was lucky enough to have, a few of whom were still at the school when my eldest daughter attended AGHS. Our family made some wonderful friends amongst our neighbours, many of whom I babysat for, and I am so happy to see those houses are all still there.

While much has changed in this lovely area, I am amazed at how much is as I remember it. Some things are different e.g. subdivided sections, new houses, some new shops, etc, but much has remained the same. Dudley Creek is still a beautiful place to walk, and brings back memories of biking past it to my part time job at the Shirley Hot Bread Shop, to friends' houses and to my boyfriend's house in Warden Street.

Several stores are still here, New World (although a more modern version!), the chemist, St Vincent de Paul etc. There is still a dairy on the corner of Dudley Street and Hills Road, where I remember getting 20 cent lolly mixtures (gosh those were the days); the park in Evelyn Couzins Avenue and Avebury House are as beautiful as ever; and Petrie Park brings back memories of throwing a ball for my sister to practice batting for softball.

I know Richmond was hit hard by the earthquakes, so it's inspiring to see how much the area has been restored. The creek banks are beautifully planted, houses and gardens are lovely and obviously repaired. AGHS adapted well with new classrooms, despite losing the beautiful main building. That was very sad and brought back

memories of my friends and I walking, laughing, chatting and now and again running, (if we were late for class!) down the hallways.

It was admirable how the school adapted after the quakes and how quickly the students and teachers were back home.

While it is very sad to see AGHS and CBHS move to their new sites it is wonderful to have

had them in this area for such a long time. The future is very bright for the young men and women who will be educated in brand new facilities with so much to offer.

The most lovely thing that brings back great memories is how friendly the people in this area are. Neighbours, people walking down the street, staff in the shops, etc., all seem so friendly, and ready to offer a smile or a wee chat - just as I remember it when I was young.

It was very hard for me to move from St Albans after living there for so long with amazing neighbours that became friends; and raising my three girls there, (who are now 17, 19 and 23). But I am so happy we were able to re-settle in an area I spent so many happy years in. Thank you Richmond, it really has felt like coming home.



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## From the Ed...

Kia ora, haere mai, welcome to the first issue for 2019. My name is Tanya Didham and I hope you are feeling your way into the groove of a new year. First month is gone!



I am taking on a new challenge this year, namely editing the Richmond Community News! With my love of all things wordy, history and community, I hope it will be a good fit and I'm looking forward to sharing some great local stories.

As House Co-ordinator at Avebury House I'm already closely connected to the RCN. The paper is published there, and for the last 18 months it has been in the so capable hands of David Hollander. We are sorry to lose him, but while David is retiring from his role as editor, he will be a continuing source of contributions on local history, crosswords etc, and help for me!

I have a strong attachment, both to this area and to the neighbouring red zone where the house in which I met my husband once stood. Our old flat was almost directly across the river from Avebury House, in Bracken St. Stanmore Rd was my local shopping haunt. We moved away long before the earthquakes, but my love of the river swayed my later decisions when I was looking to volunteer. As co-chair of community group Greening the Red Zone, and as a community radio program-maker, I dedicate a lot of time and energy to sharing the ideas that more nature in our city is good, that restoring our waterways is good, that native biodiversity is good, and not only that, they are all essential for our city to prosper in the uncertain future we face. You will forgive me if some of that seeps in, but then situated by the red zone and the river as we are, the future of that waterway and surrounds will be significant for our communities.

To me, the RCN is a place for interesting local stories and the people who tell them, with handy info on what's happening in the area, maybe a new recipe, a puzzle; something you look forward to getting in your mailbox. So I'd really like to hear from you – how do you view your community paper? If you have a contribution, or even just an idea for one, please do get in touch. You can reach me at [rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz](mailto:rcn@aveburyhouse.co.nz).

Kind wishes  
Tanya Didham



In our October issue we included a story about the Men's Shed at Avebury House. Since then there have been more donations of tools and materials, but

what is really needed now is more people to come along and make use of the shed. This is a great chance to meet other local people and learn new skills, or put old skills to new use. So, if you would like to get involved with a project of your own, or if you'd like to help with projects already in hand, contact Paul Smith (phone Avebury House on **(03) 381-6615**) or come along to Avebury House on Monday afternoon or Friday morning.

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# Delta English Class

By Shauna Robins

For over ten years Delta Community Support Trust has been running an English class for speakers of other languages with great success. Large numbers of people from vastly differing walks of life have entered our doors, practised their English, made new friends and learnt new things.

We have had chefs from India and Nepal, workers from Thai restaurants, stay-at-home mums and dads from China, India and Korea, former refugees from Afghanistan, Somalia, Ethiopia and Bhutan. Some of our students have full-time jobs with only one day off, which they choose to spend in bettering their English so that they can participate more in New Zealand society. Some have young children that they bring along to the class with them. Some students have lengthy qualifications and had good jobs in their home country and some come from countries where they never had the opportunity to finish primary school, or even learn to read and write in their own language. Some are older people who have come to New Zealand to help their adult children raise their grandchildren. So many different walks of life but with a common interest and goal: to learn English.

Currently, the Delta English class meets on Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12pm, during the school term, at Avebury House. The English class formerly met in the North Avon Baptist Church lounge, however, the building

was demolished in October 2018 to make way for the new Delta House to be rebuilt for the end of 2019. The Delta English class will remain at Avebury House until the new Crossways Church complex on North Avon Road is built and then it will move there. This should take place in 2020.



Tia Lawson and her mother, an English class student regular, at the Delta International Christmas Party



The Delta English class is run by a qualified co-ordinator, and staffed by former ESOL teachers. There are three different levels in the class - beginner, elementary and intermediate. There is also a crèche available for young children. All teaching and crèche staff are volunteers.

The class costs \$2 and includes a morning tea. The crèche is free.

As well as teaching English, we also have guest speakers on topics

that are important for new migrants and refugees, occasional outings and a Christmas party for all the students and their families.

The co-ordinator of the class is also able to help with some support and advocacy for students as needed. For more information about the class, please call Shauna on **389-0219** or email [shauna@deltatrust.org.nz](mailto:shauna@deltatrust.org.nz)

Class starts back for 2019 on Wednesday, 13th of February. Please come along and join us!

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# Avonside Tennis Club

By David Hollander

This article outlines the story of the Avonside Tennis Club located in River Road. Thanks to John Walter, club secretary, for providing much of the information.

The Avonside Tennis Club has a long history in our part of the city. The club celebrated its official opening on 15 December, 1898, on its site overlooking the Avon river between Stanmore Road and Fitzgerald Avenue. But work leading up to that day had been going on for some time beforehand. The moving spirit behind the club was F. J. (Fred) Murray, who was a long-time tennis enthusiast and a significant figure in the development of tennis in Christchurch.

Tennis was one of many sports to become popular in Christchurch in the late 1800s. The first tennis club in the city had been formed in 1881, and by 1886 there were seven clubs around the city. In that year they formed the Canterbury Lawn Tennis Association as a provincial co-ordinating body. By late 1890s there was clearly plenty of enthusiasm for a club in Richmond; the club soon had over 100 members. By 1900 a pavilion had been built; a two-storey wooden building on the highest ground at the northern end of the site. In 1901 the Lyttelton Times reported progress on the site:

*One of the prettiest spots, on the banks of the lower reaches of the Avon is the site of the Avonside Lawn Tennis Club's grounds. Two years ago the grounds were almost a wilderness, but now they are a charming pleasure resort. A picturesque pavilion has been erected, courts have been formed, trees planted, and grass sown, and those who go down the Avon in boats, or pass on the road, look with pleasure on the grounds of the Avonside Lawn Tennis Club. It has had a short history, but in its two years of existence it has made remarkable progress. There are on its books over 200 members, and it has formed four asphalt tennis courts, one grass court, and one croquet lawn.*

**LAWN TENNIS. THE AVONSIDE CLUB.  
PRESIDENT'S DAY. A GAY AND SUCCESSFUL  
GATHERING.** *Lyttelton Times, Volume CV,  
Issue 12426, 15 February 1901 (excerpt)*



*The Avonside Lawn Tennis Club in 1921. By this time all six courts were in asphalt and the original clubrooms can be seen, complete with flags flying at the left rear.*

By 1912 the grass court and the croquet lawn had been replaced by another two asphalt courts. In 1922 the pavilion was extended but this building was destroyed by fire in 1940s. A new single-storey clubhouse was built in 1950.

The photo shows the layout of the site in 1921. The photo was taken from the second storey of the Avon Rowing Club building immediately west of the tennis club. The rowing club had moved to this site in 1897 after their previous clubhouse further west along the river had been damaged by fire. The rowing club remained here until the opening of Kerrs Reach in 1950 and there appears to have been considerable social interaction between the two clubs.

The Avonside Tennis Club celebrated its centenary in 1996, which would appear to be a bit early, but the general understanding in the club was that tennis had been played informally on the site before the signing of the lease and formation of the club, and subsequent purchase of the land.

Earlier, in the 1980s the club had sold one of its courts to fund re-surfacing of the others. In 2007 the club sold another court and that land was subdivided for housing. The clubhouse was removed and the four remaining courts re-surfaced. The September 2010 earthquake caused some damage to the remaining courts.

The club received consent to build a new clubhouse but fortunately no work had begun before the February 2011 'quake, which changed the whole picture. The club's property is within the red-zone and decisions about the club's future have been on hold while the government decides on the long-term future of the area. Despite suffering damage, two of the courts are still in occasional use, but the club is in limbo to some extent until the area's long-term future is confirmed.

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# Uncertainties and Opportunities in the Red Zone

By Evan Smith, Spokesperson, Avon-Ōtākaro Network

A significant chunk of Richmond is in the red zone, with even more in adjacent neighbourhoods: Avon Loop, Avonside and Dallington.

There has been a lot of public debate about what the land might be used for as outlined in the Regeneration Plan that is currently being finalised by Regenerate Christchurch for presentation to the Minister. However, there has been very little debate about what future ownership, governance and implementation of the Plan might look like. It is important that this debate takes place and soon, otherwise there is a danger that the Council will inherit these issues and the rate payer lumbered with the burden.

Avon-Ōtākaro Network has been promoting the red zone as a multipurpose city-to-sea river park with the maximum possible restoration of native habitat since 2011. This closely aligns with the agreed Plan.

We believe the lands need to be retained in public ownership as a single title in perpetuity – parts can still be subleased for specific purposes including some conditional residential use if necessary.

We believe that the best model for the future governance of the corridor is a public Trust whose sole purpose is guardianship of the vision, values and objectives of the Regeneration Plan. This could be a 50:50 co-governance arrangement between community and mana whenua, Ngai Tuhuriri.

Under this we see a Regeneration Board with professional experience governing multimillion-dollar capital works programmes and sub-leases. International experience shows that it is much easier to attract external investment if governance is independent of the municipal authority and political interference.

You can read more about our thoughts on this on our website [www.avon.org.nz](http://www.avon.org.nz) under Our Projects/Governance. However, our main goal is to ensure proper public debate of these matters.

One thing that is clear, is that it will take several decades to realise the full vision for the red zone. Transitional uses in the interim then become very important as stepping stones to that final vision. Projects like Te Ara Ōtākaro, the transitional Avon River trail and Richmond Community Garden and events like Meet in the Middle have already demonstrated the importance of this.

Other transitional projects are planned for the future involving local schools and youth groups and exciting new concepts like a Tiny House Village and Cultivate, a small market garden initiative growing produce for local communities while giving training and employment to disadvantaged youth. At the same time native planting projects in the green spine will pick up momentum.

So there are plenty of opportunities to be exploited in the future but also some significant uncertainties around ownership and governance yet to resolve.

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# Mind Yer Language: Palindromes

By David Hollander

A palindrome is a word or phrase that reads the same backwards. E.g., racecar, rotor, or Hannah. The word palindrome first appeared in English in the early 17th century, but the idea is associated with wordplay going back to ancient times; the Romans enjoyed word squares which featured palindromes (in Latin, of course!?).

Some palindromes involve entire phrases rather than a single word, e.g., nurses run. These can get more complex, as in the Napoleonic lament:

Able was I ere I saw Elba. Or even more impressive:  
A man, a plan, a canal, Panama.

I once heard another palindromic sentence at a talk about genetic engineering, of all things:  
sex at noon taxes. It appears palindromic sequences are important in genetic sequencing...and after that it all gets very complicated!?

Who dreams these things up? Well, lots of people, it seems. I guess all you need is an interest in such things and some time. More examples include:

*Dennis sinned.*

*Dennis and Edna sinned.*

*Madam, I'm Adam.*

Some people have taken this further and come up with the new word 'semordnilaps', which is palindromes spelt backwards. A semordnilaps is defined as a word that forms a different word when spelt backwards:

*God—Dog,*

*Live—Evil,*

*Deliver—Reviled,*

*Smart—Trams*

...and so on. You might like to try your hand at coming up with your own palindromes. If you come up with a good one, perhaps you'd like to share it with other readers in a future issue.

## Puzzle

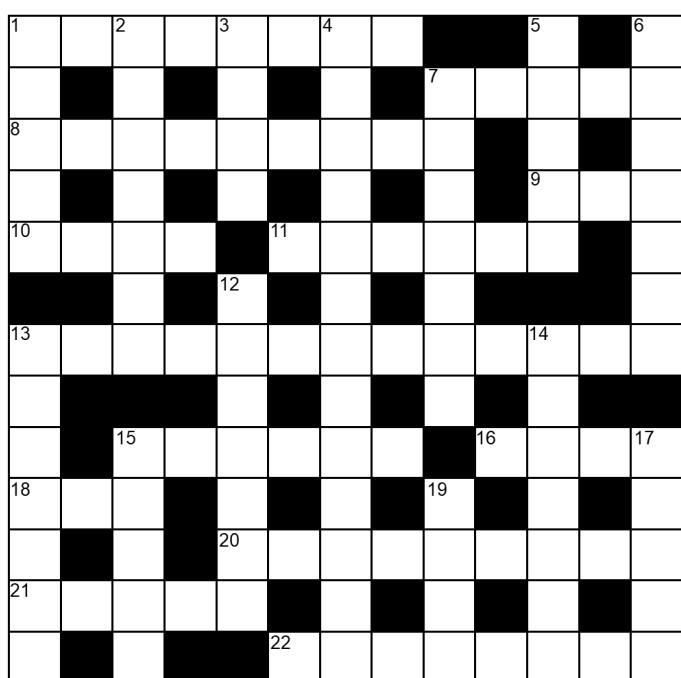
### Crossword

#### Across

1. Soft drink. (9)
7. Concerning. (5)
8. "Rich man, poor man,  
\_\_\_\_\_ thief." (6,3)
9. In favour of (L). (3)
10. Symbol of Wales. (4)
11. Units of length (imperial). (6)
13. Vassal states. (13)
15. Prayer book. (6)
16. Not false. (4)
18. Attempt. (3)
20. Fossil. (9)
21. Audacity. (5)
23. Return on loan. (8)

#### Down

1. Name tag. (5)
2. Generator. (7)
3. Tidy. (4)
4. Practical display (13)
5. Plays energetically. (5)
6. Caresses. (7)
7. Holds fast. (7)
12. Online destination (7)
13. Make believe. (7)
14. Water wheel. (7)
15. Original Christmas gift. (5)
17. Upright. (5)
19. Cipher. (4)



#### Solution to December's cryptic crossword:

**Across:** 7.Events 8.Exeunt 10.Turmoil 11.Ester  
12,13.Past tense 17.Stage 18.Data 22.Triad 23.Eyewash  
24,25.Easter Island.

**Down:** 1.Red tape 2.Heiress 3.Stood 4.Expense 5. Quite  
6.Start 9.Allergies 14.Studied 15.Caravan 16.Rawhide  
19.Ether 20.First 21.Sense.



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Our goal is to share our joy and enthusiasm for belly dance, so to this end we'd like to invite you to our free Tribal Taster evening. Our tribe includes people of different backgrounds, genders, ages and fitness levels, drawn together by our search for inspiration, vitality, and substance in our lives. All dance has been proven to improve mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing, and Tribal belly dance is no exception.



Each dancer has unique skills, ideas, and energy that adds value to our tribe, and we hope that through meeting us you would like to add yours.

We're also offering a have-a-go session; a chance for you to try belly dancing yourself in a safe, supportive environment. Remember, the purpose of this evening is to have fun, have a laugh, and dance!

The evening will wind up with a little Middle Eastern drumming. If dancing isn't for you, perhaps the hypnotic, meditative action of playing a drum will be more to your taste. There will certainly be spare drums and instruction available if you'd like to give it a go.

We offer regular classes at the Chrystal Palace, 12 Chrystal Street, Richmond. Please see What's On In Richmond in this issue for our class times.

Our goal is to provide the most affordable belly dance classes in Christchurch so that all members of our tribe can keep on dancing regardless of their circumstances.

We also perform regularly for free at the Linwood Village Market, and on Saturday 9 February we're looking forward to dancing at the Linwood Multi-Cultural Festival again.

We hope to see you there!



Our free evening will be held on Tuesday 5 February at the CWEA, 59 Gloucester Street, Central City. Doors will open from 6:45pm. At our Tribal Taster evening, students from our classes will perform for you, and there will also be items presented by our tutors. This will provide an opportunity to see first hand the different styles our school offers and showcase the progress through the levels from beginner to advanced, as well as displaying the concept of many dancing as one.

There will be plenty of time to meet and chat with our dance family, as a light supper will be provided.



## Hydrangea Help!

Avebury House is on the look-out for hydrangeas! Do you have any bright-coloured hydrangea blooms in your garden? If so could you spare a few for Andrea to dry and use as decorations for the house? She can happily come and snip the flowers herself. Please contact us on **381 6615** if you can help.

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## Monday

**Chit chat Club:** 10–10:30 a.m. The Chit Chat Club is for the older adults (55+) in our community to get together and have tea and a catch up.  
**Gentle Exercise:** 10:30–11:30 a.m. Gentle exercise class. with a tutor who guides you through an exercise routine designed to keep those muscles moving! \$5/session

## Tuesday

**Yoga:** 9:00–10:00 a.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.  
Also Thursday evening.  
**Men's Shed:** 12 noon–4:00 p.m.  
**Art Class:** 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Bring a project along or work on some skills. Drop in anytime. \$5/session.

## Wednesday

**Richmond Community Garden:** From 9:30 a.m. onwards. We welcome volunteers, be they seasoned gardeners or newbies, to help create a beautiful veggie garden for our community to enjoy!  
**Hugs All Round Quilting Group:** 1–3 p.m. We make quilts for children who need an extra hug. Join us to learn more about quilting; this includes machine and hand-sewing.  
**Shake and Relax:** 6:30 p.m. 8-week course. Practice calming your body and mind in a supportive group. Check Facebook for details & dates.

## Thursday

**Yoga:** 6:00–7 p.m. Join us for a good stretch! Beginners welcome. \$6/session.  
Also Tuesday morning.

## Friday

**Men's Shed:**  
10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

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**Delta Inn:** 8 Feb.

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as available.

## Monday

**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.  
**Footprints Café:** Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.  
**Addington Net:** Computer & tech help for all. 10 a.m.–12 noon.

## Tuesday

**Budget Advice:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by appointment

## Wednesday

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL):** Starts 13th February (term time). Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–12 noon. \$2 at Avebury House. Preschoolers welcome.  
**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Free, some criteria apply.  
**Footprints Café:** Coffee, rolls & toasted sandwiches, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Items as priced.  
**Fruit & Vegie Co-op:** \$12/\$6 a bag. Pay weekly in advance each Wednesday, great value.

## Friday

**Delta Inn:** 2-course community meal. Every Friday 12 noon, \$3.

**Food Bank:** 10 a.m.–12 noon, & 1–2 p.m.

Free, some criteria apply.

**Second Hand Goods/Clothes store:** 1 p.m. Goods as priced.

**Shirley International Playgroup:**

During term time, 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. at the Shirley Hub, 69B Briggs Road. For mums & under 5's from refugee & migrant backgrounds – playgroup & English class. \$2/session or \$10/term.

**Gardening:** 10:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Mary welcomes interested volunteers to help her in the Delta vegetable garden.

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**Programme:**

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**Activities Group** is held every Thursday at 1 p.m.. Come along and knit, cross-stitch, do some form of craft, play a board game or just chat.

Everyone is welcome.

**Association of Anglican Women (AAW)** meets every fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. We start with a hot drink before listening to an interesting speaker or undertaking some activity together.

**Exercise Class** is held every Thursday at 11 a.m. All abilities are catered for, sitting and standing. The class focus's on flexibility and fun. Cost is \$6 and a light refreshment follows.

**Foot Clinic** every six weeks. You start with a foot spa and cup of tea/coffee. Our registered nurse will clip nails and give any advice on the care of your feet. Then you have a foot massage. \$10.

**Wednesday Cafe** meets every second Wednesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy friendly company, listen to a speaker or take part in a fun activity and join us for lunch. There is a small cost for lunch and raffle tickets are available.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of the sessions!! For any further information phone the office on **389 6948** or email **office@holytrinityavonside.nz**

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## Monday

**Activity Zone:** 3:45–4:45 p.m. After school club for 6–10-year olds. No charge.

## Tuesday

**J.P. Clinic:** 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Weekly. No charge.

**Storytimes/Wā Korero:** Begins 12th February. For over two-year-olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time. No charge.

**Reading to Dogs:** 3:30–4:30 p.m. For age five plus. No charge, but book in advance.

## Wednesday

### Introduction to iPads:

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Part of a six week programme starting 13 February and finishing 20 March. For absolute beginners. Registrations required. Cost: \$15

## Thursday

**Babytimes/Wā Pepi:** for under two-year olds. 10:30–11 a.m. Weekly during term time.

**Technology help drop in sessions:** 3:30–4:30 p.m. Come along to our drop-in sessions for help with email, searching the internet, and general computer queries. No bookings required, Free.

**Book Discussion Group:**

6–7 p.m. Second Thursday of the month. \$60 for year.

## Friday

**Card Club** 1.30–3.30 p.m.

No charge.

**Shirley Library's Culture Exchange:** 3:30–4:30 p.m.

A friendly group where you can make new friends, practice English and learn about New Zealand. Free.

## Saturday

### Super Saturday Storytimes:

Starts on the 9th of February. 2–7-year olds. Weekly during term time. 11–11:45 a.m. No charge.

**Magic: The Gathering:** First Saturday of the month. For 8–18-year olds. From 1 p.m. No charge.

**Mahjong Group:** 2–4 p.m. Learn to play Mahjong at Shirley library! For beginners and advanced players alike. Registrations required.